Year	Growth Rate (%)	Share in total exports (%)
2000-01	22.39	83.83
2001-02	(-)0.77	83.65
2002-03	20.05	83.49
2003-04	22.56	84.49
2004-05	29.74	83.78
2005-06(P)	23.37	84.05

Note: (P): Provisional

FDI in agriculture and horticulture

2289. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether FDI is allowed in the field of agriculture and horticulture on a massive scale; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to implement the recommendations of Swaminathan Committee on bio-technology, to eradicate poverty in rural area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is not permitted in the Agriculture sector except for Floriculture, Horticulture, Development of Seeds, Animal Husbandry, Pisciculture, Aqua-culture and Cultivation of Vegetables and Mushrooms, under controlled conditions and services related to agro and allied sectors where FDI up to 100% is permitted under the automatic route.

(b) Information is being collected.

Retail cement price

2290. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether retail cement prices have soared to a new high since January,

2006, despite there being no corresponding increase in excise duty, limestone royalty and other inputs;

(b) whether the Cement Manufacturers' Association of India had committed to a final retail price of Rs. 147.80 per bag to the consumer, as per the cement price break-up submitted to Government in April, 2006; and

(c) whether any petition alleging cartelisation against the cement industry is pending before the MRTP and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Cement price increased between December, 2005 and April 2006 at varying rate across the country; however these have stabilized since May 2006. Cement is a decontrolled commodity and its prices are governed by economic factors *viz.,* demand and supply, cost of raw materials, fuel and other inputs, production and distribution costs.

(b) No Sir, but the manufacturers assured Government at a meeting convened to discuss increase in cement prices that a discount of 5% on the prevailing prices would be given to Central Government Departments; that they would maximize production and act against profiteering by retailers.

(c) Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission has informed that it has referred the complaints relating to cartelization by the cement manufacturers to the Director General (Investigation & Registration) for investigation.

Pak intelligence network in Indian Armed Forces

†2291. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan's intelligence agency has secretly established a network of its agents in the Indian army;

(b). whether Pakistan's secret agency has been successful in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.